

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Department of Energy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should implement an Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan for Rock Creek Reserve located in the Buffer Zone at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site for the period 2001-2006 (or until closure) to manage natural resources, as well as to support the Rocky Flats cleanup and closure mission, and compliance with various environmental laws. Full implementation of the plan will also ensure the continued quality of Rock Creek Reserve's natural resources for the ultimate re-use and land ownership decisions yet to be made.

Implementing the Rock Creek Reserve Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan would not result in detrimental impacts. Minor adverse impacts on wildlife habitat will be mitigated by full implementation of restorative and proactive wildlife management provisions in the Plan. Implementing the Plan would provide beneficial impacts to soil, water, and biological resources, including federally-listed, threatened and endangered species. Implementation would allow the DOE and USFWS to manage the natural resources of Rock Creek Reserve in an effective manner to meet current and future conservation needs.

